

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Which one of the introducers will handle the close? Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I'm not going to say very much. We've said enough. I think it's simply a question of whether you want to go along with what we said before, it isn't a matter of arguing about names. If we want to.... Some time in history at least, I know we have never done this. I know this is precedent breaking to name something after a legislator. We shouldn't do these things. But when I asked to be Speaker, and I asked to try to provide some leadership I said "let's improve the image". One of the parts of improving the image of this Legislature is to show to the people of the State of Nebraska that state legislators have to work hard and do an awful lot of work and that they are state senators. This is what I reply to those of you who say "it ought to be named something other than a person". This is not just some person. This person is symbolic of a state legislator who is able to do things for the people of the State of Nebraska. This State Office Building would live on in memory to the fact that the Legislature, along with the Executive, does the job of government in this state. I think it would be a reminder to those in the State Office Building that there is a legislative arena. I think sometimes the Executive forgets there is a legislative arena. Maybe this wouldn't be a bad idea, as they approach that office every morning to see the name of a former state legislator, to remind them of this. I think it would be a very excellent thing to do. In his memory I think we should do it. With that I just ask you if you don't want to do it we'll just let the Commission make their decision, then we will have to come back and we'll get into the same argument over again as we try to approve or disapprove the name they select. So I just urge you to do something once to constructively, positively say something to the State of Nebraska about what it means to be a legislator.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of.... Alright. Roll call vote. Call the roll on the question of the resolution, the adoption of LR 78.

CLERK: Took roll call vote found on page 1835 of the Journal. 24 ayes, 25 nays.

PRESIDENT: The resolution fails. In the North balcony there are 12 fourth and fifth grade students from Hanover District Number 75 in Adams County. That is in Senator Marvel's district. We have had in the Chamber this morning a group of junior high students from Willis Elementary in Jackson, Nebraska. That is Senator Murphy's district. We've also had a group of seventh and eighth graders from Farwell Public School. That is in Senator Rasmussen's district. We've had a group of students from Diller, Nebraska. No, no. A group of 3-D Extension Club members from Diller, Nebraska. That is Senator Burrows district. We appreciate all groups being here. Thank you very much.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are two Attorney General's opinions, which will be inserted in the Journal. The first one, number 83, addressed to Senator DeCamp. The second one, 84, addressed to Senator Kremer. Mr. President, there is a new resolution, LR 81. It will be inserted in the Journal.